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**PACIFIC WOOD TREATING  
CORPORATION**

August 24, 1983

Mr. Eric E. Egbers  
Environmental Quality Inspector  
Department of Ecology  
Southwest Regional Office  
7272 Cleanwater Lane LU-11  
Olympia, WA 98504

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TECHNICAL OPERATIONS SECTION

Dear Mr. Egbers:

Further to our August 17, 1983 meeting in Olympia, enclosed is the amended closure plan for the Ridgefield Brick and Tile site. It is our opinion ~~that Option I~~ and Option II would adequately protect the environment from any contamination from the nominally hazardous ash which was placed in the clay pit. It is our opinion that if the ash was hazardous that after ten years it would have shown up in the open water immediately adjacent to the ash fill. As you know the water tests indicated contamination well below human health standards and even below drinking water standards. The abundance of fish, wildlife and undergrowth further attest to the absence of hazardous material.

However, in order to expedite commencement of closure proceedings and in order to insure completion of the closure prior to the rainy season (which would make moving of the clay soil nearly impossible) and as evidence of our good faith and our on-going cooperation, pending your approval we will proceed with the acquisition of property and closure of the site in accordance with Option III (as amended) which we understand to be your preference.

We have checked our lab capabilities and so far as practical the testing can be done in our lab using the split sample technique on any reasonable basis to insure quality of the testing. In accordance with our discussion we have secured written permission for the testing of three deep wells in the immediate vicinity.

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In summary, in consideration of your dismissal of any pending or proposed penalties we will:

1. Proceed with the acquisition of the land from Elmer Muffett.
2. Proceed with the closure in accordance with Option III as amended in conference.
3. Provide deep wells in the immediate vicinity for on-going testing.
4. Provide post closure plans and financial assurance required.

So that we may commence proceedings without further delay, we would appreciate it if you would acknowledge your concurrence by signing and returning a copy of this letter.

Cordially,

PACIFIC WOOD TREATING CORP.



By - Mark T. Moothart  
General Manager

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We acknowledge receipt of the attached addendum and concur with the above.

Environmental Protection Agency

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Washington Department of Ecology

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

cc: George Hofer, US EPA, Seattle ✓  
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